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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests the rescission and cancellation of the two amendments submitted October 14, 2004 and on October 15, 2004 in response to the office action dated October 5, 2004. The examiner in a telephone conversation dated November 23, 2004 indicated that the applicant needs to correct the status identifiers for the claims.

The applicant respectfully submits the attached new amendment as a replacement for the afore-mentioned amendments that are withdrawn. A Notice of Allowance is requested.